

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/049,270

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/04/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9, 31-36 (renumber claims are 1-7).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02/11/02 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948).
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/04/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick F. Gallagher (Reg. No. 54,109) on March 03, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 31, line 6, change "P atom containing epoxy resins" to - - P atom containing epoxy resin - -.

Claim 31, line 7, after "both terminals", please insert - - of the P atom containing epoxy resin - - for proper reading.

Claim 33, line 7, "acid residue in one terminal and an epoxy group in the other terminal" should be - - acid residue in one terminal of the P atom containing epoxy resin and an epoxy group in the other terminal of the P atom containing epoxy resin - -.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9, and 31-36 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the references cited disclose a multilayer printed circuit board comprising a conductor layer, resin insulation layers, a solder resist layer containing an elastomer component or P-atom, and some other claimed elements. However, they do not disclose or render obvious in combination of the elastomer component is separated in micro-phase as to form an island-in-sea structure after curing in the solder resist layer (as recited in claims 9 and 36), the P-atom containing epoxy resin having bivalent phosphoric acid residue and having epoxy groups in both terminals of the P atom containing epoxy resin (as recited in claim 31), the P-atom containing epoxy resin having a mono-bivalent phosphoric acid residue in one terminal of the P atom containing epoxy resin and an epoxy group in the other terminal of the P atom containing epoxy resin (as recited in claim 33), and the solder resin layer contains the P-atom and at least one member selected from the group consisting of silicon, aluminum, and magnesium compounds (as recited in claim 35).

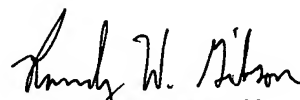
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammie Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 04, 2005.


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